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Jury finds nurse guilty of murder bid over mum's insulin jab

DAUGHTER IS SENT TO JAIL

The Horton General Hospital, where the attack on Julia Knight's mother took place

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A NURSE has been jailed for 14 years after poisoning her elderly mother with insulin during a failed murder attempt.

Julia Knight admitted administering the potentially lethal dose to 81-year-old Irene Robson while she was recovering at the Horton General Hospital from a fall.

The 56-year-old denied attempted murder and told Oxford Crown Court she had just wanted her mother to have a "medical blip" so that she would get better care.

But a jury of five women and seven men unanimously found her guilty, following more than 14 hours' deliberation, of attempting to murder her mother.

Sentencing Knight, Judge Ian Pringle said: "Your mother was in her early 80s, she was unwell and was particularly vulnerable.

"This was an act of enormous stupidity on your part."

Knight admitted forging a prescription for insulin on the morning of October 7, last year, at the West Bar GP surgery in Banbury, where she worked as a nurse.

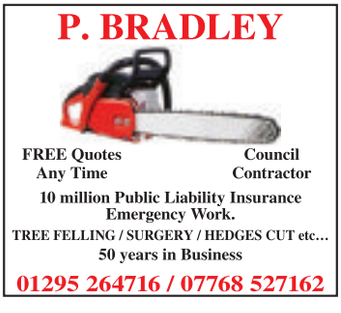
The mother-of-one then went to her mother's bedside in the Laburnum Ward at the hospital and injected her in the stomach, causing a hypoglycaemic attack. However, doctors managed to save her Ms Robson's life. The court heard Knight's forgery of a prescription, using the record of a real diabetic patient, had only come to light when it was discovered the doctor whose signature she had imitated had been on holiday in Spain at the time.

Simon Mayo, defending, said: "There came a tipping point which occurred against a background of prolonged professional stress and worry about her mother's condition."

John Price, prosecuting, told the jury Knight knew insulin was potentially fatal to non-diabetics such as Ms Robson, because she had used it during a failed suicide attempt.

Judge Pringle added: "You abused your position of trust, not only as a nurse, but also in the position of trust of a daughter to her mother."

Ms Robson died earlier this year, but Judge Pringle told the jury it was not related to the case.



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Sex offender put in jail for abusing girls

A MAN who legally changed his name to "Lord" has been jailed for sexually abusing three girls under 12 in Banbury four decades ago.

Lord Stephen Kovacs was convicted of 17 offences against the girls, aged five, six and 11, which took place in the 1970s and 1980s.

The 57-year-old, who now lives in Nuthatch Close, Poole, denied indecent assaults, gross indecency, attempted indecent assault and rape but was unanimously convicted by a jury at Oxford Crown Court on Monday.

He was sentenced to 16 years in prison the next day.

Investigating officer Det Con Kelly Gilbert, of the child abuse investigation unit based at Banbury police station, said: "The three victims have had to live with the memories of abuse for more than 40 years.

"They have shown considerable bravery in coming forward and thankfully this evil man is now behind bars where he belongs.

"I hope this will enable the three victims to find some closure and be able to move on with their lives."

Lord Stephen Kovacs

Street closed for pipe repair to prevent sewer flooding misery

REPAIRS to a collapsed pipe has begun on Parsons Street to prevent households suffering the misery of sewer flooding.

The street is expected to be closed until December 6 for repairs, but will remain open to pedestrians and a marshal will redirect shop deliveries during working hours.

A Thames Water spokesman said: "We're sorry for any inconvenience but it is a 'must-do' job, sewer flooding is a miserable experience."

Work will be carried out from Monday to Sunday, between 8am and 8pm.

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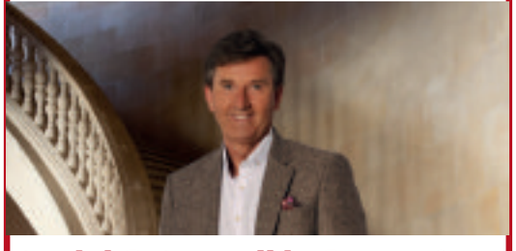

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People staying alive for four years longer

Cherwell residents' life expectancy has been raised the least among its Oxfordshire neighbours

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PEOPLE in Oxfordshire can expect to live up to four years longer than they did almost 15 years ago, new figures have shown.

The average life expectancy is now 79.9 for men in Oxford and 83.8 for women according to a new report published by the Government's Office for National Statistics.

Those in South Oxfordshire live the longest according to the same data, with a life expectancy of 81.7 for men and 84.7 for women between 2012 and 2014.

They are closely followed by the Vale of White Horse and West Oxfordshire.

However, life expectancy is the shortest in Cherwell, where it reached 80.2 for men and 83.3 for women between 2012 and 2014.

The Cherwell District Council area is also the place in the county where life expectancy has increased the least between the beginning of the 21st century and the present.

Men can expect to live three years longer now than they did from the period 2000-2, and life expectancy has increased by 1.7 years for women over the same period.

Life expectancy has improved the most in South Oxfordshire, with an additional four years for men and 2.4 for women compared to 2000-2.

Paul Cann, chief executive of Age UK Oxfordshire, said: "Life expectancy is really closely related to relative affluence.

"Better off areas tend to live longer than more deprived areas.

"If you look at part parts of Cherwell there's a substantial number of people living in deprivation.

"That is not to say people in South Oxfordshire are never poor or deprived.

"But the concentrations of people living on low income mean that there is this big life expectancy gap in Oxford city, but also across the county."

The age expectancy for Cherwell district men is now 80.2 and for women is 83.3

Christmas market to offer shoppers special gift ideas

SHOPPERS looking to grab some early bargains on festive presents can browse the stalls at a Banbury Christmas market tomorrow.

More than 30 traders will set up shop in Market Place allowing customers to browse a range of unique and handmade gifts and decorations.

The market has been organised by Cherwell District Council, in partnership with market operators Sketts.

District Council deputy leader councillor George Reynolds said: "For those looking to get a head start on their shopping and beat the crowds, the fair will be a great opportunity to pick up something a little bit special that may not be available in the mainstream shops.

"Regardless of what is on the shopping list, the market is sure to provide some great ideas."

The market will include jewellery, scarves, books, toys and men's gift ideas, hot food and Christmas cakes.

Stalls will be open from 9am to 4pm.

Brother tells of tragic discovery in childhood woodland play site

A "LOVING and caring" charity shop worker was found hanged by his brother in a woodland they used to visit as children, an inquest has heard.

Father-of-three Gary French, 46, of Hook Norton, was found dead on July 16, in the woodland off Sibford Road.

Assistant coroner for Oxfordshire Rosamund Rhodes-Kemp said to Mr French's brother, Mark: "I have brothers myself and that must have been dreadful for you.

"I pass my condolences to the family and his children. It must be very difficult for you all and I do hope none of you blame yourselves."

In a statement, read out at the inquest on November 4, Mr French said he had not initially noticed his brother suffered from mental health issues, but it had become apparent as he got older.

Prior to his death, the inquest heard, Mr French was referred to a mental health team at Elms Centre, in Banbury, where he became a day patient.

Social worker Victoria McAllister told the hearing that, while Mr French often spoke of suicidal thoughts, he had never mentioned any plans to take his own life.

She said: "He thought about hanging himself, but said he had not made any plans to."

Ms Rhodes-Kemp recorded a verdict of suicide.

Speaking after the inquest, Mark French's wife, Tracy, said: "Gary was a gentle soul.

"He was a loving, caring person; perhaps too caring. He was a lovely brother-in-law."

Artweeks studios given seasonal previews

VISITORS can snap up creative Christmas gifts this weekend as galleries feature the work of artists ahead of next year's Oxfordshire Artweeks Festival.

Registration for the festival, next May, is now open and needs to be completed by December 31.

For details of festive events, visit artweeks.org

The Christmas lights have been lit by a succession of stars, including this 2011 ceremony with Emmerdale actor Jeff Hordley

Singer to perform at lights switch-on

X Factor winner Sam Bailey will become the latest in a long line of celebrities to launch the festive season in Banbury when she switches on the lights display later this month

X Factor champion Sam Bailey set to be joined by Beyoncé tribute and rock choir for festive launch

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WINNER of *X Factor* Sam Bailey has been announced as the famous face to turn on Banbury's Christmas lights.

The singer, who won the talent show in 2013, will perform some of her best songs at the lights switch-on on November 29. Joining her will be Beyoncé tribute act Victoria, Banbury's Rock Choir and local band The Next Hot Thing.

The show will begin at 2pm, with Leicester-based Mrs Bailey due on stage at 4.20pm and the switch-on at 5pm.

After her *XFactor* victory, her debut single *Skyscraper* was a Christmas number one and her debut album, *The Power of Love*, topped the UK album charts in 2014.

She said: "I'm looking forward to the next stage of my career and I have exciting new opportunities ahead of me."

Refreshment stalls will be open, while the night will end with fireworks.

Banbury town councillor Colin Clarke said: "After many years of inviting soap characters to switch on our lights, we decided this year to go for a singing star.

"We have been fortunate to get Sam Bailey and I'm sure she will be a huge success, especially with *X Factor* fans.

"I advise people to come early, watch the afternoon's entertainment, and be in prime position to see our star guest."

Bouncing into contest to beat council's activators

THE latest challenge to get youngsters active has got them bouncing as quickly as they can, to a time limit.

Cherwell District Council has set its 30-second challenge to beat the activators who set monthly tasks.

On the last Friday of each month, sport activators David Norridge and Edward Frape set the challenge. This month it is to beat 69 bounces by leaping from left to right as many times as possible.

Council deputy leader George Reynolds said: "Although designed as a bit of fun, the challenges have a serious message which emphasises the importance of getting young people moving to keep them fit, active and healthy."

Children eight to 16 can see the challenge on the council's Facebook page, then submit their own entry.

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Veterans march up Horsefair during the Banbury Remembrance Sunday parade, above; a sea of poppies at the war memorial, left

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A cadet band plays as the parade walks through Horsefair; poppies in wreaths and on crosses

LEST WE FORGET ... Remembrance in Banbury

Clockwise from top left: 142 Squadron Vehicle Specialist Reservists; Standard bearer Carl Jelfs, a former captain in the Queens Oxfordshire Hussars; Lee Collin, six, of Grimsbury First Beavers; MP Victoria Prentis; Lance Corporal Nick Thompson of the 142 Queens Own Oxfordshire Hussars

Great-grandad jailed for years of abusing one girl

A GREAT-grandfather, who repeatedly sexually abused a young girl for 13 years, has been jailed.

Neville Feasey, 76, of Yule Court, Boxhedge Square, Banbury, denied 12 indecent assaults and six rapes dating back to between 1966 and 1979.

Neville Feasey, 76

But while a jury cleared him of the rapes, he was found guilty of the indecent assaults after a five-day trial at Oxford Crown Court.

Judge Peter Ross said: "You used that little girl as the object of your sexual gratification and that happened in the context of the breakdown of your relationship with your wife."

Alexandra Bull, defending, said Feasey had not used violence, nor plied the girl with alcohol. She added: "There is also no evidence that since that time he has re-offended. He has led a law-abiding life and has had a constructive relationship with other children in his life."

Jailing Feasey for seven years, using the guidelines from the 1970s era, Judge Ross said Feasey had not needed to use violence because his victim was under his psychological control.

He added: "The abuse became the norm for her. Two or three times a week."

In a statement, his victim said: "My outlook on life is very black. My life feels joyless."

Crowds flock to pay tribute

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MORE than 300 soldiers, veterans and civilians took to the streets of Banbury to remember our fallen heroes.

Shoulder to shoulder crowds lined the streets eagerly awaiting the procession which made its way from the town hall, up High Street and along Horsefair to St Mary's Church.

The parade was led by the band of the Air Training Corps, followed by Royal British Legion, Army Reserve Forces, ex-servicemen, members of the regular forces, uniformed support services and cadet forces.

Yanto Evans of the 3rd Battalion Parachute Regiment was at the service with his son Jacy Evans, 11.

He said: "I do a lot of these services because I lost a few friends but recently we found out that two of my great-uncles died in the First World War. So my son had two wreaths to lay on the memorial for his great-great-uncles.

"It was a very good parade and there was a very large turn-out.

"We have also been collecting as I am the membership secretary for Banbury British Legion and the people of Banbury always give generously. Last year they raised £43,700 – the most in the county."

Yanto Evans, formerly of 3rd Battalion Paras, with son Jacy

Dunkirk veterans from Birmingham were among the crowds following a long-standing tradition of visiting the town for Remembrance Day.

More than 10 years ago a group of Dunkirk veterans were on their way to London for the Whitehall Remembrance service when their coach broke down on the M40 near Banbury. They were taken into the town to join in Remembrance Day events and have been every year since.

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> **Yanto Evans**

A total of 61 wreaths were laid at the Cenotaph in People's Park as hundreds of onlookers stood in silence.

Among them stood the Army and Sea Cadets, the 1st Grimsbury Beavers and the 142 Squadron Vehicle Specialists who are based in Banbury.

Also outside St Mary's Church crosses of Remembrance had been placed in the soil with messages of love.

Town councillor Sean Woodcock tweeted: "Very proud to march through Banbury this morning in remembrance of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom."

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Little Ollie, 4, lives his dream to ride in dustbin lorry after leukaemia diagnosis

A LITTLE boy battling leukaemia, who always waves at passing dustbin crews, had his dreams come true when he enjoyed a ride in a collection truck.

Ollie Lister, four, was diagnosed with the illness in March and is undergoing chemotherapy which will last for three years.

He had to cancel his birthday party in June after he fell ill. But after spending more time at his home in Hardwick, Ollie has become well-known to the village's refuse collectors.

Nikki Rogers, a family friend, contacted Cherwell District Council waste and recycling manager Ian Upstone, to ask if they could give him a tour of their Thorpe Lane depot.

Ollie's mother, Becky Gage, said: "Ollie was shown how the trucks operate, where they are cleaned and how crews train."

He was driven around the depot in the front of the lorry cab and got a goodie bag to take home.

Miss Gage added: "We are trying to make days special and memorable, rather than being in the hospital, and it's people like Ian who make that possible."

Ollie said: "I had a really good time and I liked the ride in the truck the best, because it was exciting."

Ollie Lister gets into the cab for a private tour around the council's depot

Learn about new school

Drop-in event to show what primary can offer children

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PARENTS of children who will be starting school in September next year can find out about a new primary opening its doors in Banbury.

Longford Park Primary School, on the new Longford Park estate, is hosting a drop-in session for parents tonight to show what the school has to offer.

The school, which will be run as an academy, will offer 45 places in reception and a nursery when it opens next year.

Parents will be able to talk to staff from the primary's management, GLF Schools, during the event at the Cherwell District Council offices in Bodicote from 6pm to 8pm.

The event is being organised by GLF, with support from Oxfordshire County Council.

GLF Schools chief executive officer Jon Chaloner said: "We are delighted to be opening a new primary school in Banbury.

"We have opened four primary schools over the last three years and understand the importance of knowing the local community."

He added: "We have been working closely with Oxfordshire County Council on plans for the new school and look forward to meeting prospective parents on November 12."

The county council's lead member for children, education and families, Melinda Tilley, said: "The new school will be an excellent addition and complement the existing schools serving the local community.

"I would encourage anyone in the process of deciding which schools to apply for to go along."

The school will primarily serve the new community on Longford Park, off Oxford Road, which will be an estate of up to 1,070 new homes.

The development has previously been criticised by residents from residents of nearby villages, such as Bodicote, for reducing the amount of green space between their rural communities and Banbury.

Other new facilities being constructed as part of the development will include a doctor's surgery, a convenience store and three retail units.

The application for the development has been submitted to the local authority by developer Taylor Wimpey Oxfordshire.

MP's plea to give more support to new mothers

NORTH Oxfordshire MP Victoria Prentis has urged the Government to offer more support to new mothers in Oxfordshire with critically ill children.

The politician attended a reception for health charity Bliss, which works with doctors and families to help children who are born prematurely.

A new report by the charity found that in 41 per cent of maternity units nationally, parents do not have access to a trained mental health worker, despite it claiming that parents of premature and sick babies have a strong risk of postnatal depression.

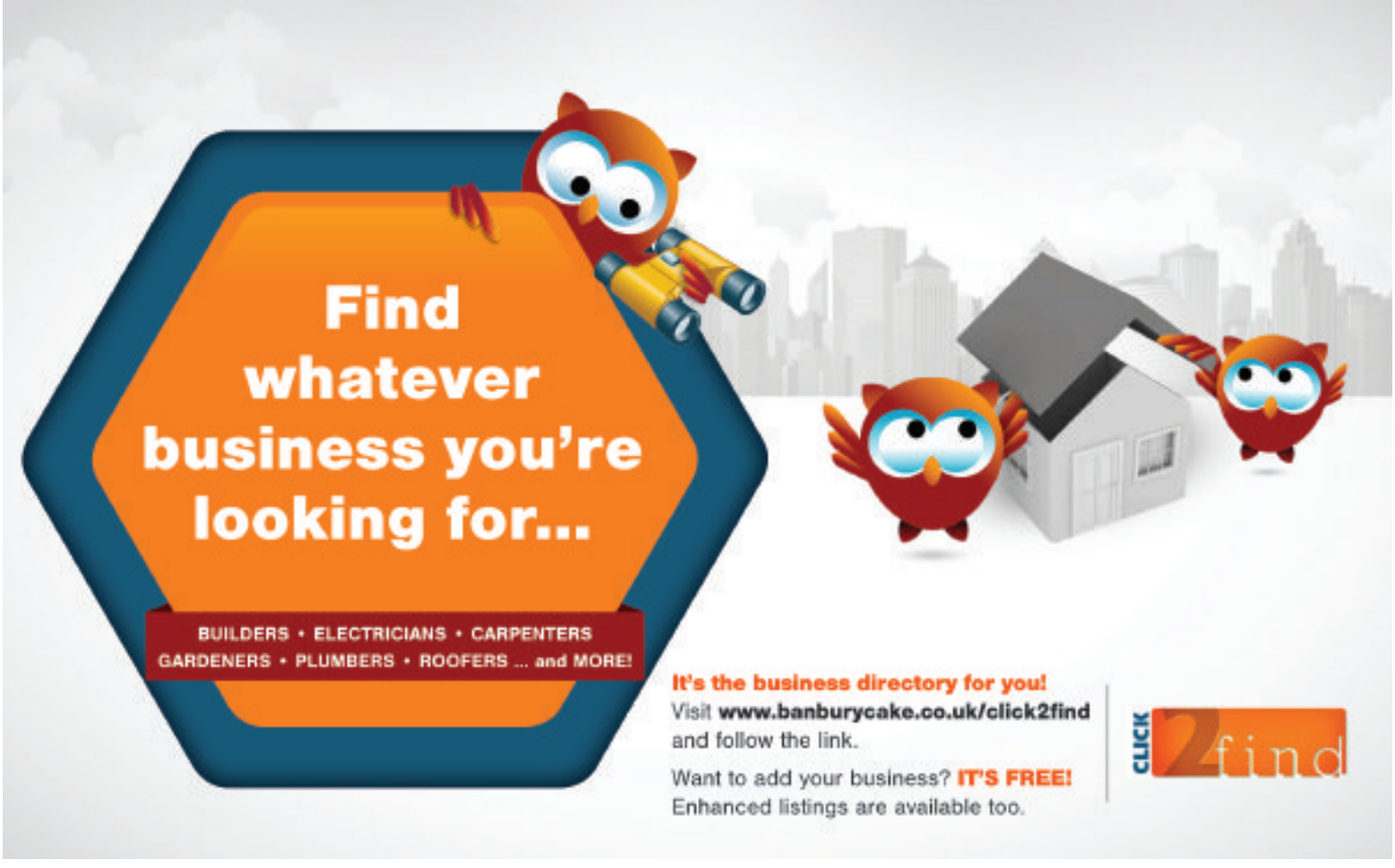
Speaking after the event Mrs Prentis said: "An estimated 168 vulnerable babies are born premature or sick to parents in Banbury every year, and many more women with difficult pregnancies and births are transferred to the John Radcliffe Hospital.

"Bliss has put together an interesting report which highlights some very important issues. Personally, I am very concerned about psychological support for parents.

"It is vital that all babies have the best possible chance in life, and that their families get all the support they need during what is an extremely difficult time."

The charity is calling on the government, NHS and health education bodies to ensure units have the resources they need to meet national standards for quality and safety.

Bliss chief executive Caroline Davey said: "I would like to thank Victoria for attending the launch of our Bliss baby report, and showing support for our issues."



Show's loving tribute to eccentricities of life in wartime

Dan March, who plays The Colonel and The Lord in the touring production

Picture: Maria Shickle

A TOURING show poking fun at British eccentricities in the Second World War is proving a hit as it works its way around the county.

Instructions for American Servicemen in Britain is a comedy about the quirks of UK life and the American troops that tried to understand them during the conflict.

The theatre show – by Fol Espoir in association with The Real MacGuffins – won over Chipping Norton residents earlier this month and hopes to do the same in Steeple Aston, Mollington and Cassington.

Actor Dan March, a former Oxford University student, plays The Colonel and The Lord.

He said: "We had an amazing night at Chipping Norton. The audience took the show to another level – getting all the jokes and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the 1940s atmosphere."

The show is based on a pamphlet called *Instructions for American Servicemen in Britain*, which was issued in 1942 by the War Office.

The next Oxfordshire shows will run on Thursday, November 12, at Mollington Village Hall on Chestnut Road, on Friday, November 13, at Cassington Village Hall on The Green and Saturday, November 14 at Steeple Aston Village Hall on Fir Lane.

Shows run from 7.30pm. For details call 01295 750952 or 01295 750230 for the Mollington show, 01865 883512 for the Cassington show and 01869 340423 for the Steeple Aston show.

High pass rate for blanket testing

A FIFTH of electric blankets tested by Oxfordshire County Council were found to be faulty, it has been revealed.

The Fire and Rescue Service and Oxfordshire trading standards recently carried out free tests on 737 electric blankets owned by county residents.

Of these, a total of 162 failed electrical safety checks – or 22 per cent of all those tested.

According to the council, this represents the lowest number of unsafe blankets in the 17 years it has been running the campaign.

Testing electric blankets

The majority that failed reportedly did so because of age. Government recommendations are for blankets to be replaced after 10 years, but some of those brought along were more than 40 years old.

Simon Sumners, home and community safety officer with the Fire and Rescue Service, said: "While it is good news we have seen the lowest failure rate in the history of the testing campaign, it is still important to make sure your electric blanket is safe to use.

"If the condition is left to deteriorate, there is the possibility of electric shocks or burns, which can cause permanent damage or fires."

Open University workers to strike

STAFF at the Open University's centre in Boars Hill, Oxford, have voted to go on strike.

The University and College Union (UCU) balloted its members after a row over jobs and regional centre closures.

The OU also plans to close centres in Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Gateshead, Leeds and London.

There is no date yet for strike action but the union said 72 per cent of members backed the walkouts and claimed 500 jobs were at risk.

UCU branch president Pauline Collins said: "The only people who seem to think that axing 500 jobs and closing regional centres is a good idea are senior managers."

PC accused over 'visits to victim'

Officer 'used force records to find woman with whom he had had an affair'

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A SERVING officer allegedly used police data records to find and visit a domestic abuse victim with whom he had a relationship, a court has heard.

Police Constable Matthew Oaten is charged with two counts of computer misuse and two counts of breaching the Data Protection Act for offences, spanning the last two years.

The 29-year-old is also accused of sending documents containing highly sensitive information on police operations to an email address belonging to his father.

Basingstoke Magistrates' Court heard last Thursday that the alleged crimes happened while Oaten was a serving officer at Banbury police station.

The court heard that between March 14 and April 8 this year PC Oaten used police command and control computer systems to carry out his own investigation into a woman who was already the subject of a police inquiry.

Banbury Police Station, where PC Oaten, 29, worked

Kerry Richardson, prosecuting, said: "Mr Oaten was not even a part of that investigation, yet he accessed the system on several occasions to carry out his own investigation.

"Once the investigation had started it became apparent that he had had a relationship with the female in the past.

"With regards to the second charge, between February 3 and May 18, Mr Oaten visited the address of a female he had accessed information on, using the (police) computer.

"The woman had made a complaint of domestic violence and Mr Oaten continued to access the computer system relating to her. He had a relationship with that female."

The court also heard that in February and August 2013 Oaten sent information on police operations to his father's personal email account.

Oaten, of Goodwood Close, Bicester, was released on bail to appear at Winchester Crown Court on December 2. He is suspended from duty.

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Operation Christmas Child volunteers, including district coordinator Eunice Harradine, front, with boxes

Shoebox appeal to help refugees

Charity group volunteers already past the 500 mark after push for awareness

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CHRISTMAS may be six weeks away but volunteers in Banbury are already calling on people to show some festive spirit and fill a shoebox.

National annual initiative Operation Christmas Child is encouraging families, work colleagues and friends to group together and make shoeboxes to be sent to help refugees fleeing Syria.

Last year, volunteers in Banbury managed to collect more than 2,000 boxes, and with just a week gone of this year's appeal they are past the 500 mark after giving out leaflets around the town.

Gifts inside the shoeboxes can include school stationery, non-liquid hygiene items, toys and winter clothing.

Moira Oliver, from Banbury, has been a volunteer for three years.

She said: "There are some children out there who do not get presents at Christmas, and we are relatively rich as a society so we can share the joy of the holiday.

"My children had done the shoeboxes throughout school and had really enjoyed it so I wanted to get involved."

As well as Syria, gifts will also be given to children in other parts of Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia.

By paying the transport donation of £3 per shoebox online, donors will receive an email in the New Year telling them the destination of their own shoebox.

District co-ordinator Eunice Harradine said: "I am thrilled that already many people have ordered leaflets and are working together to help children less fortunate than those in the Banbury area.

"Whether you're a seasoned supporter of Operation Christmas Child, or you've never made up a shoebox before, your gift can make a big difference to a child living in difficult circumstances."

She added: "There are stories and videos on our website, showing just how much the children appreciate the love and gifts in their shoebox."

The initiative is organised by Christian humanitarian charity Samaritan's Purse, which provides aid to people in physical need as part of its international missionary work.

Shoeboxes can be dropped off at the Entertainer toy shop in the Castle Quay shopping centre, at Shoe Zone in High Street, the Leeds Building Society branch in High Street, the People's Church in Horsefair and at Bodicote Stores in Molyneux Drive, Bodicote.

The church is open on weekday mornings, between 9am and 12.45pm, although other times for collection are possible by arrangement.

The boxes of gifts can be dropped off until the appeal ends on November 18. For more information, call 01295 255180 or visit samaritans-purse.org.uk.

Solar panel funding cuts caution

SOLAR panel installers in Oxfordshire have warned expected cuts to Government subsidies threaten to "cripple" the industry.

Jason Hobbins, managing director and founder of EnergyMyWay, in Kidlington, said he was surprised when the Government announced in August it would review the "feed-in tariff" (FIT) scheme as solar panel costs fell.

People can get payments from their energy supplier if they create their own electricity, such as with solar panels.

The renewable energy industry expects the government to announce cuts to FIT subsidies starting January 2016.

Mr Hobbins said: "It is going to have a negative impact on us short term, but it will give us the chance to look at other markets."

Neil Tull, owner of Dainbridge Building Services, said: "The frustration of the industry is that we needed two more years. Costs would have come down, [electricity] prices would have gone up, and it would make sense for subsidies to be reduced."

A Department of Energy & Climate Change spokesman said: "Our priority is to keep bills as low as possible for hardworking families and businesses."

Increase in reporting of missing children

THE number of missing children reported in Oxfordshire is on the rise according to new figures.

Figures revealed by the county's social services team showed from April to September this year there were 463 reports of missing children.

This was up from 327 reports in the same period in 2014.

But children's social care boss Jim Leivers said: "[We are] of the view that this increase is attributable to improved reporting and recording of information."

He admitted there had been a "significant increase" in reports, but said the number of children who went missing between 10 and more than 20 times in the six months had gone down.

The number of children repeatedly going missing from children's homes had also gone down, he added.

But Mr Leivers also said human trafficking and age assessments needed to be carried out more quickly and that authorities should consider what the best placement for a child was.

He said: "Protocol is often interpreted differently by our frontline staff and officers, or not fully understood in terms of each other's duties and powers.

"A joint training programme is therefore being developed."

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Groups 'at risk' urged to take up free flu jab offer

Over-65s and pregnant women get free vaccination as well as NHS trust staff

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PEOPLE at risk from flu this winter have been advised to book an appointment with their GP for a vaccination as soon as possible.

On average about 8,000 people a year die from the disease in England and doctors have warned patients not to leave it too late.

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) has advised people in 'at risk' groups to take up the vaccine on the NHS.

Anyone aged 65 or over and pregnant women are both classed as 'at risk' groups and can be vaccinated against the virus for free.

Children and adults with an underlying health condition, particularly involving the heart, lung or liver, or is a neurological disease, are also classed as 'at risk'.

An annual flu vaccine nasal spray is also now offered to healthy children aged two, three and four and children in school Years 1 and 2.

OCCG clinical chairman Joe McManners said: "If you are in any of the 'at risk' groups, my advice is to visit your GP and get the free NHS flu vaccination as soon as possible.

"It is quick and easy to have and is the best form of protection for you and others."

Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust has also reminded all its staff that they are eligible for the vaccine to help protect patients, visitors, colleagues and their families.

The trust has launched a Facebook page dedicated to reminding staff and telling them where they can be vaccinated.

Spokeswoman Anne Parker reminded people the jab was safe.

She said: "The risk of having a serious reaction to the seasonal flu vaccine is less than one in a million, much lower than the risk of getting seriously ill from the flu.

"It is impossible to get flu from having the flu jab because the vaccine doesn't contain live viruses.

"For the most part seasonal flu vaccine side effects are mild or often non-existent. The most common side effect is soreness around the site of the injection and occasionally aching muscles."

Staff can get vaccinated by contacting a ward vaccinator or the Centre for Health and Wellbeing at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Chief Executive Bruno Holtof gets his flu vaccination from Dr Evie Kemp

Cameron letter called 'arrogant'

COUNCILLORS have accused Prime Minister David Cameron of "high handed and arrogant" meddling after he complained about county budget cuts.

In a letter to Ian Hudspeth, the leader of Conservative-controlled Oxfordshire County Council, the Witney MP criticised "unwelcome and counter-productive" plans to close children's centres and said he was "disappointed" with potential cuts to elderly day centres and libraries.

But councillors seized on the "staggering" comments, claiming Mr Cameron did not understand the impact of the Conservative government's policies "in his own back yard".

The council has proposed the measures to save money in the face of caps on council tax and cuts made by the government to its funding, which has halved in the past five years.

Senior figures are also bracing for a 'worst-case scenario' where they are told to find an extra £50m of savings.

But in his letter to Mr Hudspeth, the PM wrote: "I was disappointed at the long list of suggestions floated to make significant cuts to frontline services.

"I would have hoped that Oxfordshire would instead be following the best practice of Conservative councils from across the country in making back-office savings and protecting the frontline."

A spokeswoman for David Cameron's office said: "There's significant scope for sensible savings across local government to be made by back office consolidation, disposing of surplus property and joining up our local public services."

Council Labour group leader Liz Brighouse said: "This letter is high-handed and arrogant. We have already seen people's lives being completely devastated by reductions to services."

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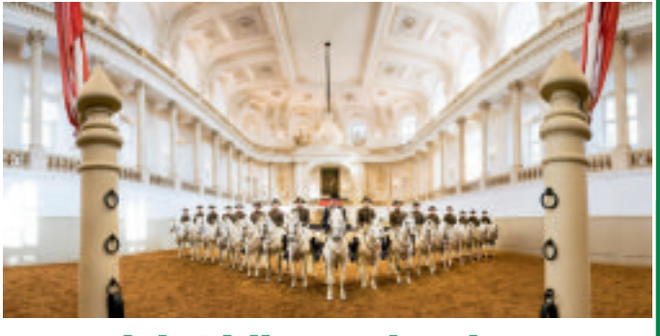

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Tour de force drama about techno genius of Apple Inc

STEVE JOBS **(15, 122 mins) A drama starring Michael Fassbender, Kate Winslet, Seth Rogen and Jeff Daniels. Director: Danny Boyle**

DANNY Boyle's bravura portrait of the Apple Inc co-founder is neither a traditional biopic nor a gushing hagiography.

It is an audacious character study in three acts, that paints its subject as an egomaniac, a visionary and a neglectful father with meticulous brushstrokes.

Scriptwriter Aaron Sorkin, who won an Oscar for *The Social Network*, deserves another statuette for exemplary work.

He explores clashing facets of Jobs' personality through the prism of three key product launches in 1984, 1988 and 1998.

Each chapter unfolds at a breathless pace, established by Sorkin's rapid-fire dialogue, and cinematographer Alwin Kuchler conjures the mood by shooting on different film stocks: 16mm, 35mm and digital.

Michael Fassbender and Kate Winslet are mesmerising as the titular maven and his right-hand woman, who take different approaches to managing people.

In the first section, Steve plans to launch the first Macintosh flanked by marketing executive Joanna Hoffman (Winslet), one of the few people to tolerate his outbursts.

When the computer's voice function glitches, Steve abuses the development team leader.

Apple CEO John Sculley (Jeff Daniels) watches from the wings, bearing witness to the birth of a monster.

In the second chapter, four years later, Steve continues to clash with girlfriend Chrisann Brennan (Katherine Waterston), who claims he is the father of her daughter.

In the final act, Steve ousts Sculley from his perch and prepares to dazzle the world with the iMac.

Rivalries simmer and co-founder Steve Wozniak (Seth Rogen) reminds Steve that being in charge doesn't come at the expense of good manners.

Steve Jobs is another artistic triumph for Boyle, who stormed the Oscars in 2008 with *Slumdog Millionaire*.

His camera glides along corridors as the protagonist barks orders, demanding nothing less than perfection.

Excellence behind the camera would mean nothing without pyrotechnics on screen and Fassbender lights the fuse on his own Oscar chances with a scintillating portrayal of Jobs, who likens himself to a conductor.

"Musicians play their instruments. I play the orchestra," he coolly tells his inner circle.

Glimpsed through Boyle's unflinching lens, Jobs played his orchestra until their fingers bled while he barely broke sweat.

THE LADY IN THE VAN **(12A, 104 mins) A comedy/drama. with Maggie Smith, Alex Jennings, Roger Allam, Frances de la Tour and Jim Broadbent. Director: Nicholas Hytner**

BILLED as "a mostly true story", *The Lady In The Van* is an entertaining adaptation of Alan Bennett's award-winning 1999 play, based on his experiences of a sharp-tongued vagrant called Miss Shepherd, who camped outside his driveway for more than 15 years.

Michael Fassbender and Kate Winslet play colleagues with vastly differing outlooks on work relations in Danny Boyle's story of the man behind Apple; inset, Dame Maggie Smith and Alex Jennings in *The Lady in the Van*

The playwright has lovingly adapted his stage work, employing the same cute theatrical device of the real Alan and an internal self, who endlessly pontificate on the tramp's shady past as they mooch about a London home.

Dame Maggie Smith reprises her stage role as the tramp, unleashing an array of withering putdowns.

It's a tour-de-force performance from the national treasure, tinged with pathos.

Months turn into years and the playwright despairs as he becomes the tramp's guardian.

The Lady In The Van is a heart-warming tonic for these cold winter months.

Cake Bookworm

Public Library And Other Stories **by Ali Smith, hardback by Hamish Hamilton, £16.99 (ebook £9.99)**

Public libraries are under threat. In the few weeks Ali Smith spent editing the 12 short stories for this collection, 43 libraries came under threat of closure. There are one thousand fewer libraries now, she calculated, than when she started writing the book. Here she puts her influence as author of the multi prize-winning *How To Be Both* to good use. She surrounds her work with powerful comments from authors, librarians and strangers on what public libraries mean to them. Smith's stories are varied and beautifully written, wry and understated, capturing moments of human connection and joy. In one of the strongest, a biographer's tale about DH Lawrence's ashes leads to a funny account of credit card fraud, call-centre frustration, and the wonders of Google Street View. What brings the collection together is an investment in words and the power of books that can be shared, borrowed, broken or treasured.

Career Of Evil **by Robert Galbraith, hardback by Sphere, £20 (ebook £9.99)**

For those growing up as part of the "Harry Potter generation", JK Rowling was the voice of childhood. But over the last few years, she has tried to move on by writing crime novels as Robert Galbraith. This is the third, following grumpy private investigator Cormoran Strike and his young assistant Robin Ellacott, and it is full of blood and gore. Robin receives a package containing a severed leg. Narrowing it down to four suspects, they race across the country trying to uncover who is behind a mounting death toll. Rowling's magic has always been in her imagination and plot rather than her way with words. The novel is full of clunky and awkward sentences. This isn't the most gripping of thrillers, but it has enough action to keep the reader interested.

The Grownup **by Gillian Flynn, paperback by Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £3.99 (ebook £1.99)**

The author of the international phenomenon *Gone Girl*, which sold 10 million copies worldwide and was turned into a Hollywood film, delivers a twisting, suspenseful psychological short-story thriller that's almost impossible to put down. The story centres on an enterprising woman masquerading as a psychic who is faced with a malevolent spirit inhabiting a client's home. Fans of Flynn's work definitely won't be disappointed with her latest offering and it's a good stop-gap while waiting for her next full-length novel. But as it's only 67 pages long, it's a quick read, which will leave readers wanting more; especially as it concludes with such an open ending.

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Oxfordshire Listings

THURSDAY

Sunningwell and Bayworth WI: Village Hall, Sunningwell Road, Sunningwell. Marcus Ferrar, who grew up in post-war Britain with a German mother, will talk about his childhood experiences in *A Foot in Both Camps*. All local women are welcome. 2pm. Donation of £3 from non-members is requested.

Sunningwell and District Gardening Cub: Village Hall, Sunningwell Road, Sunningwell. John Gibson of John Gibson Daffodils will talk to the Sunningwell and District Gardening Club about Plant Portraits. 7.30pm. Entry fee includes refreshments. Members £2 members, visitors £3.

Didcot & District Archaeological and Historical Society: Northbourne Centre, Church Street, Didcot. AGM followed by a talk by Martin Way entitled Barrels Barley and Beer in Oxfordshire. 7.30pm. £4 for visitors. For more details, contact chairman David Taylor on 07843 421029 or dave@zygal.co.uk

Toy hospital: Event for Children in Need at the Village Hall, Church Road, Chinnor. Children can bring along a toy for treatment with bandages and pretend medicine and sing songs about teddies with bumped heads and poorly dollies. Featuring live musical accompaniment and puppets. £5 per family ticket. No need to book – just turn up at 10am or 11.15am. Donations for tea and cake to Children in Need.

Charity Christmas card sale: Vale & Downland Museum, 19 Church Street, Wantage. Until November 16. Museum is closed on Sundays. Free. 01235 771447.

Charles Brabin: Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot. The Didcot-based photographer explores the shapes, textures and structures of urban and industrial environments both in the local area and further afield, with black and white images. Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 11am-4pm, closed Monday. Free admission. 01235 515144.

Off the Wall: West Ox Arts Gallery, Town Hall, Market Square, Bampton. A variety of printmakers and artists had their starting point as a blank sheet of paper yet all came to their own unique conclusions. The exhibition runs until November 15. Free admission. 01993 850137.

FRIDAY

Hospital history: Town Hall, Market Place, Wallingford. November's talk to the Wallingford Historical and Archaeological Society (TWHAS) will be by Ian Wheeler on Fair Mile Hospital in Cholsey. In its 133-year life, Fair Mile had a significant influence on its surrounding area. Mr Wheeler was the fourth generation of his family to work there. 7.45pm. Visitors £3. 01491 836096.

Star walk: Earth Trust, Little Wittenham. Join the trust for a starlit countryside walk with Dr Russell Layberry from Oxford University. Appropriate for older children and adults. 6pm. Adults £5, £2 children. Booking is essential on 01865 407792 or admin@earthtrust.org.uk

SATURDAY

Pub quiz: The Bell Inn, High Street, Adderbury. 7pm. £5 per person, available from Adderbury Library. The landlords will donate profits from meals on the night to the library.

Scout jumble sale: 1st Longworth Scout Group Hut, Faringdon Road, Kingston Bagpuize. 2pm-3.30pm. Adult entry 50p, children get in free.

Table top and craft sale: Lower hall, High Street Methodist Church, Witney. Crafted Christmas gifts, cards, tombola, cakes, preserves, toys, books, presents for your dog. In aid of Medical Detection Dogs. 10am. Free entry. 01993 831909.

Art show and sale: St Mary's Church, Church Lane, Kirtlington. A display of more than 100 pieces by 30 professional and accomplished local artists sponsored by Kirtlington Parish Council in aid of its play area refurbishment. Raffle, tea and cakes available. 10.30am. Free admission. 01869 350103.

Craft and gift fair: Town hall, Market Place, Chipping Norton. A selection of stalls selling unique products from local artisans and businesses. 10am. Free entry. 07976 715908.

Christmas fair: Methodist Church Christmas fair, Davenport Road, off Burford Road, Witney. All proceeds in aid of the church heating fund and Base 33 charity in Witney. 10am-1pm.

Christmas bazaar: St Leonard's Church, Middleton Road, Banbury. Local crafts, Santa's grotto, raffle, tombola, cakes, bric-a-brac, children's crafts, face painting, mince pies, soup and refreshments and much more. Opened by Banbury mayor Tony Mepham. 1pm. 50p, children under 14 free, includes entry into a prize draw.

Jumble sale: Village hall, Fewcott Road, Fritwell. Sale in aid of 1st Fritwell Scouts with refreshments and cakes available. 2pm. Free entry.

Open day: Charlbury Dental Practice, Enstone Road, Charlbury. Meet the team and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Raffle in support of Charlbury Community Centre Appeal. 10am-1pm.

SUNDAY

Ramble: A moderate 10-mile circular walk to Kirtlington via Thrupp and the canal, returning via Bletchingdon and including a pub stop. Meet at 10am at the car park behind Tesco, Kidlington, ref. SP491142. Organised by Bicester and Kidlington Ramblers. Contact David Godfrey on 01865 514082.

Christmas arts and crafts fair: Find original handmade gifts and made the crafts people in the event at Sunningwell Village Hall. 10am-4pm in Sunningwell Village Hall. Hot drinks and homemade cake available. 20p, children free.

Choice of walks: Organised by Second Lease, meeting at Woodford Way car park, Witney, at 9.30am. Either a 7.5-mile walk taking in Great Rissington and Bourton-on-the-Water, or a 4.7-mile route taking in Begbroke, Spring Hill and Bladon, including a visit to see Sir Winston Churchill's grave. See www.wosweb.com/site/second-lease

Christmas craft fair: Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, Old Didcot Road, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell. Stalls will sell jewellery, knitted clothes and soft toys, cards, handbags, soft furnishings and other unusual gift ideas. 10am. 5pm. Setting up for sellers from 8am. Book pitches at £10 (tables supplied from 01491 833938.

MONDAY

First World War talk: Long Furlong Community Centre, Boulter Drive, Abingdon. Bill King will give the second part of a talk on the war, covering the period July 1916 to November 1918, plus the peace treaty and its consequences. Hosted by Vale of the White Horse branch of Berkshire Family History Society. 7.30pm. 07851 206313.

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TUESDAY

Art demonstration: *Landscape in Acrylics* by John Heywood for Wallingford and District Art Club at Centre 70, Goldsmith Lane, Wallingford. 7.30pm. £3 for visitors. 07803 262230.

Ground cover planting: Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon. Abingdon Horticultural Society will host a talk by RHS-registered speaker Antony Powell, who manages four gardens in North Hampshire and West Berkshire. 7.30pm. £2 for visitors. 01235 203873.

WEDNESDAY

Careers advice: Drop-in session for 16 to 19-year-olds at The Mix Community Centre, Mill Street, Wantage. 6pm. Free.

Arts lecture: Trinity Church, Conduit Road, Abingdon. Abingdon Decorative and Fine Arts Society's monthly lecture is entitled *Now You See It, Now You Don't – the Art of Visual Deception*, given by Bertie Pearce. 2pm. Free. Complimentary coffee and tea is available before the lecture. For further details, see www.adfas.org.uk

Christmas shopping evening: Village Hall, Church Road, Northmoor. Annual Christmas gift and craft fair with mulled wine and hot mince pies. 6pm. 01865 300534.

Film

THURSDAY

Ida: Screened by Abingdon College and District Film Society at the Health and Wellbeing Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon. In Pawel Pawlikowski's first film set and made in his native Poland, an orphan meets her unconventional aunt Wanda, and together they travel to discover the secrets of their lost family. Hubert Zawadzki, joint author of a recent history of Poland, will set the historical scene for *Ida* (Cert 12A). 7.45pm. £6. 01235 521976.

Music

Wild Ponies: Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot. The group, headed by Doug and Telisha Williams, have captivated audiences in North America and Europe with their stage presence and honest songwriting in Americana Alternative Country style. 8pm. £14, concessions £12.50. 01235 515144.

FRIDAY

Winter concert: Methodist Church, High Street, Witney. Special concert to mark the 50th anniversary of Witney Music Society, given by the Aronowitz Ensemble. It will be playing *Cypresses* for string quartet, by Dvorak; Beethoven's *Cello sonata, op. 102, no.2*; and Brahms's *Piano Quintet in F minor, op.34*. 7.30pm. £12, seniors £11, under 19s £1. Tickets on the door or in advance from Rapture in Woolgate or Greenway Antiques in Corn Street. 01993 702296.

Wolvercote Strollers: Village Hall, Wolvercote Green, Oxford. The group will sing and play a rich mixture of music from folk to modern classics in aid of St Peter's Organ Appeal. Doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm start. £10, concessions £8 (include first drink). Tickets on the door, from the Post Box, 82 Godstow Road, or 01865 559316.

SATURDAY

Kismet: St Mary's Church, Church Road, North Leigh. Popular local folk band Kismet play material from their acclaimed new album *Feast* in aid of the Friends of St Mary's. 7.30pm. £10, concessions £8. 01993 881612.

Banbury Soul Club: Banbury Trades and Labour Club (side entrance), West Bar Street, Banbury. The club celebrates its 12th anniversary with guest DJ Sean Chapman plus residents Charlie Mc, Steve Milsom and Tom H, playing Northern Soul, R&B, Crossover and Motown on original vinyl records. 8pm. £5 on the door. 07528 285977.

Opera final: Bampton Classical Opera Young Singers' Competition 2015 Public Final held at Holywell Music Room, Holywell Street, Oxford. This biennial competition is aimed at identifying the finest emerging young opera singers currently working in the UK. Judges are British tenor Bonaventura Bottone, and conductors Andrew Parrott and Peter Robinson. 6pm. Tickets are £15/£30 (including post-performance reception). See www.bamptonopera.org or 01993 851142.

Autumn concert: Abingdon and District Musical Society's choir and orchestra performs Elgar's *Violin Concerto*, Schubert's *Mass in D*, Brahms's *Nänie* and Parry's *Blest Pair of Sirens* at St Helen and St Katharine, Faringdon Road, Abingdon. 7.30pm. £10 in advance from 01235 521392 or £12 on the door, and children £1.

Doug & Dan: Coty Arms, High Street, Burford. Covers duo return by popular demand. 9pm. Free. 01993 822227.

SUNDAY

Fly on the Wall: The Bell, Market Place, Wantage. Four-piece rock covers band play their farewell gig. 5pm. Free entry. 01235 763718.

Autumn concert: Lower Windrush Choral Society returns to St Mary's Church, Witney, to perform Mozart's *Requiem* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*. The soloists are soprano Anna Shackleton, alto Sacha Fullerton, tenor Deryck Webb and bass Quentin Hayes. The choir will be directed by Terry McNamara and accompanied on the organ by Francis Rumsey and an eight piece orchestra. 4.30pm. £10. Tickets from St Andrew's bookshop, High Street, Witney, and Rapture in the Woolgate. 01993 773283.

Simon and Garfunkel tribute: Through the Years: Thame Players Theatre, Nelson Street, Thame. Recreations of the classic songs such as *Mrs Robinson*, *The Boxer*, *Homeward Bound* and *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, are bound together with imagery and interviews with Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. 7.45pm. £12. 01844 217228.

Comedy

THURSDAY

James Acaster: Glee Club, 3-5 Hythe Bridge Street, Oxford. The stand-up comedian was a multiple Edinburgh Comedy Award Best Show nominee and appeared on TV shows including *Have I Got News For You*, *Mock the Week* and *8 Out of 10 Cats*. 7pm. £14. 0871 472 0400.

SATURDAY

Martin Daniels: Tetsworth Memorial Hall, High Street, Tetsworth. Comedian, entertainer, magician and presenter stages a a show suitable for all ages. This is a fundraising event for the hall to maintain the building. 7.30pm. Adults £12, children £6. 07817 313478.

SUNDAY

Rock the Atic: Four comedians – Adam Hess, Marlon Davis, Mark Smith and Terry Green – will be at Atic, 10-11 Butchers Row Banbury. 7pm. £5 in advance from www.wegottickets.com/event/336192

Theatre

FRIDAY

Variety show: Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Broad Street, Uffington. Jigsaw Stage Productions is on a tour of the Oxfordshire villages with its *BIG Variety Show,* with song, dance and sketches. They are joined by members of The Karen Brind School of Dance. 7.30pm. £7. Tickets available at Uffington Post Office or 01235 767509.

SATURDAY

Jigsaw variety show: Hagbourne Village Hall, Main Road, East Hagbourne. See above for more details. 7.30pm. £7. 01235 767509.

Instructions for American Servicemen in Britain: Village Hall, Fir Lane, Steeple Aston. Comical play based on a handbook provided to GIs based in Britain during the Second World War. Bar available. 7.30pm. £8, under 16s £6. Tickets from Steeple Aston Post Office or 01869 340423.

Don Quixote: Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot. Two feisty senoritas and a downtrodden Englishman embark on a journey through Spain in a madcap adaptation of Cervantes's tale. 7.30pm. £15, concessions £13.50. 01235 515144.

SUNDAY

Puss in Boots: Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot. Patrick Lynch, from *CBeebies*, will use smoke, mirrors and hidden trapdoors, this talking cat will show you how the talking feline fools both the King and the Ogre to put his master at the top. There will be a host of puppets, a working windmill and an avalanche of fruit and nuts, 2pm. £8, concessions £6. 01235 515144.

Dance

MONDAY

Morris practice: Royal British Legion centre, Spring Road, Abingdon. The all-male Mr Hemmings Abingdon Morris Dancers group is looking for new members. Practice takes place on Mondays at 8pm. Free.

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Ricky Johnson (right), pictured against Swindon Supermarine, scored Banbury United's first goal

United up to play-off spot

Banbury into fifth after win

A FIRST-HALF header from Ricky Johnson and a late Zac McEachran strike gave Banbury United at 2-0 win against Yate last Saturday.

The victory moves them into the Division 1 South & West play-off places in the Evo-Stik Southern League.

Banbury took the lead in the 21st minute, when McEachran's corner from the right saw Johnson head home.

Just after half-time, Johnson had an effort disallowed for offside.

Yate had a glorious chance to equalise when Callum Laird's cross was met by Jake Cox but he put the ball wide when it looked easier to score.

Banbury always looked dangerous on the break and seven minutes from time they sealed victory with their second goal.

From George Nash's pass, McEachran fired into the bottom corner from the edge of the penalty area.

Banbury Utd 2
Yate Tn 0

Banbury Utd: Harding, White, Stanbridge, Martin, Wise, Gunn, McEachran, Nash, Johnson (Bell 72), Howards (Joyce 65), Browne (Steedman HT). Subs (not used): Blackstock, Kalakoutis. **Att:** 280.

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Take a good look at your schedule and how you're timing things and try to cut out any unnecessary chores that have become somewhat of a habit. You see, relaxation is the order of the week for you Aries, if that is you are to take full advantage of what Venus can offer. Call now to see which signs can aid you in your quest for love and romance this week.

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TAURUS Apr 20-May 20
Try not to take the events that occur this week too much to heart. A new friend provides the light-hearted fun required later this weekend. Try to keep news you hear about family issues to yourself for now please. What they say may be a permanent decision could well turn out to be only a temporary change of heart. Call now to sort out those family issues.

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GEMINI May 21-Jun 20
A form, a letter or a piece of information you have been waiting for should arrive at last, but it may not turn out to be quite what you had expected. You should also start to understand a friend's new partner a little better and can even find common ground to build a friendship. Call now to find out why work and travel is beckoning in your stars.

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CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22
Recently you have allowed the words of a friend to have too much of an influence on your feelings and it is time you took a more independent and confident stand. Showing you know your own mind is what will give your close ones the confidence to believe in you again. Call my starline now for important news on property and sales.

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LEO Jul 23-Aug 22
Someone born under the sign of Aries or Pisces is especially important and can open up a lot of doors to you and your career this month. It is important that you stay on the right side of a Capricorn. They can do an awful lot to help you, both socially and personally. Call now for the full story.

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VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22
From Sunday you appear to be particularly articulate and should find it very easy to persuade people around you to listen to your views and your way of thinking. Aries can help boost your finances too. Don't be late, but ensure you're on time to take full advantage of what's on offer. Call now for news on your week in full.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22
You are waiting to hear from someone I see. However, don't expect to hear from a close one who has moved away just yet. They have much to sort out in their own life before they can re-enter yours. Lies told in business will come back on you as others already know more than you think. Call my starline now for important news on your love life.

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SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21
You have just recently realised that you are going to have to make a very important decision linking to finances. Don't lie to yourself though. You know what you can and cannot afford to spend and you also know how much your cost of living is. Try to ensure you stick to plans, as someone has gone out of their way to impress you. Call now for insight.

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SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21
Your name is on the lips of fun faces who want to get to know you on a more intimate level. The only problem is that you seem to have cut yourself off of late and it would do you good to push yourself to be more social. A smile and a laugh will turn out to be just what the doctor ordered to get you feeling like you again. Ring now to talk more.

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CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19
I know you don't want to emotionally manipulate your close ones, but it seems that a certain person needs to be pushed a little harder in order to make a decision. Fellow Capricorns can help you to do your job better and can even make your work place a more enjoyable place to be. Ring now to hear why you mustn't cancel family this week.

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AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18
You have been rushing through life when you should have been walking through it and enjoying it Aquarius. Someone has chosen to distance themselves from your life, but what you're about to discover is that their actions are actually a blessing in disguise. Ring to hear why it's imperative you don't tell lies to do with money or business now.

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PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20
A relationship that is affecting you is one you have been unable to tease out all the facts on. So, use this week to get to the bottom of what has been going on. It's the only way you'll work out if this person is meant to be in or out of your life Pisces. Ring now to hear why it's worth studying extra hard for your work this month.

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In brief

- AS the nation flocks to see Daniel Craig as 007 in *Spectre*, the Aston Martin DB5 has been revealed as the most sought-after Bond car of them all. According to researchers at eBay.co.uk, a piece of DB5-related memorabilia sells every 30 minutes during daylight hours. Posters, model cars, full-size parts and complete vehicles make up the average 37 sales a day and give the DB5, which featured first in 1964's *Goldfinger*, a clear lead over the next-most popular, the Citroen 2CV, with an item sold every 60 minutes. The bright yellow getaway car from *For Your Eyes Only* is, by this measure, more popular than the Sunbeam Alpine from *Dr No*, the Lotus Esprit from *The Spy Who Loved Me* and the Toyota GT 2000 from *You Only Live Twice*.
- A rare early Range Rover convertible goes to auction this weekend and is expected to make £40,000. The 1973 model is one of the very earliest 'Suffix B' versions. It was turned into a convertible by Special Vehicle Conversions in the late 1980s. It has done 62,500 miles. The two-door car was won by one of its owners in a game of cards.

Ideal car for the young generation

Auto facts

Model: SEAT Ibiza Connect 1.2 TSI 90PS 5-door, £14,620

Engine: 1.2-litre unit producing 89bhp and 118lb/ft of torque

Transmission: Five-speed manual gearbox driving the front wheels

Performance: Top speed 114mph, 0-62mph in 10.7seconds

Economy: 57.6mpg combined

Emissions: 116g/km of CO2

Matt Joy
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SEAT'S Ibiza has done a sterling job of bringing buyers into the brand in a cut-throat sector of the car market.

It has also managed to look youthful and sharp, despite having been around since 2008. Now it is time for the Ibiza's second facelift, and it's on the receiving end of plenty of new kit.

The outside gets a mild makeover, while inside there's new materials and a re-sculpted dashboard which helps boost the quality feel alongside greater options and increased technology. There are also new engines and tweaked suspension to improve ride quality.

It's a sign of confidence from SEAT that they have chosen to change so little of the Ibiza's exterior. Compared with the 2012 model, the exterior is distinguished only by LED daytime running lights, LED tail lights and new alloy wheel options; otherwise it's the same attractive shape. It's still the best looking car in the class.

Small cars aren't as small as they used to be, but the Ibiza strikes a good balance between a compact exterior and a cabin that is usefully sized. In the front there's a good driving position, legroom and headroom are good enough even for taller folk, and it's not a narrow cabin either. In the back, it's fine for kids and you can squeeze adults in, but three across the back requires a degree of intimacy. Boot space remains at 292 litres which isn't the outright biggest in the class, but it can cope with reasonable demands.

The pick of the new engine line-up is 1.0-litre three cylinder, which is now available in turbocharged form with two power outputs, but the larger 1.2 TFSI tested here is still an excellent device even in the lower 90PS form. It behaves much like a larger capacity engine. It does 0-62mph in 10.7 seconds.

Elsewhere, the Ibiza switches to electric power steering and it only takes one corner to realise it is pleasingly accurate and fun to drive. Retuned suspension smooths out bigger road imperfections.

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From then on the racing stars just keep on coming with appearances throughout the week from the likes of Oxfordshire's MotoGP rider Bradley Smith, 2015 Moto2 World Champion Johann Zarco, Moto2 star Sam Lowes, 2015 BSB Showdown contenders Dan Linfoot and James Ellison, SBK's Sylvain Guintoli and Alex Lowes and former racer Troy Corser.

The Isle of Man TT riders will also be out in force on both Classic TT Day (November 29) and TT Day (December 6), as well as every day of the week, with 23-time TT winner John McGuinness and 11-time TT winner Michael Dunlop being joined by Michael Rutter, Conor Cummins, Dean Harrison, Bruce Anstey, Ryan Farquhar, William Dunlop, Gary Johnson, Ian Hutchinson and many more.

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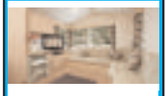

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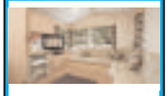

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